

MINUTES

The twelfth meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:04pm on January 27, 2004 with the Executive Vice President in the chair

A motion to approve the minutes was made. Seconded. *Motion approved unanimously.*

There were 23 members out of 39 present.

President John Bradley

- BSBP met in Lexington this past weekend. They talked about the rally and budget cuts. We will wear backpacks with bumper stickers with a slogan on them, instead of wearing t-shirts. A lot of media will be there, including ones from Lexington and Louisville. Our bus will leave at 8:30am and will be back around 6pm. The actual rally will take place at 2:30pm in the rotunda.
- The retreat will be this weekend. Call Amelia in the office or get e-mail the SGA account to RSVP.
- The Board of Regents meeting was held last Friday. They discussed the parking structure project. Some of the regents question the number of spaces we will be getting and the way some of the money is being spent. If they add the new structure in Diddle, they will take away the extra 125 spaces not affected and turn it into green space, which I find disheartening. It is unacceptable to stain the existing structure using money from the \$36 fee that students pay for added parking spaces. The next regent meeting will be in two weeks to discuss budget cuts.

Executive Vice President Patti Johnson

- We can take 47 people to the rally. This includes faculty and staff if they want to go. The absence will be excused.
- The retreat is the first opportunity members will have to earn a hooded sweatshirt.
- Election dates have been set: February 17-candidate meeting; March 2-filing deadline; March 16 & 17-elections.

Vice President of Finance Nick Todd

- The new budget is the most up to date I have.
- At the blood drive, we had 55 try to give blood and 43 actually give it.

Vice President of Public Relations Abby Lovan

- Thanks for coming to the blood drive. Nick was there all day so he gets the "Blood Drive King" Award.
- After the meeting, get the Frankfort rally flyers and hang them up.

Vice President of Administration Jessica Martin

- Please urge all of your friends in Congress to come to the meeting so that we can make 2/3 so we can vote on the Constitution.

Committee Reports

Coordinator of Committees-Scott Wolfe

-No Report

Academic Affairs-Natalie Croney

-Meets Wednesdays at 5pm in the SGA office.

Campus Improvements-Shawn Peavie

- Discussed the tree legislation that was passed last semester.
- A piece of legislation will be up for first reading next week.
- Meets Tuesdays at 4:30pm in front of the Bookstore.

Legislative Research-Robert Watkins

- Meets Monday at 5pm in the SGA office.
- Apologize for missing Monday's meeting.

Public Relations-Brittany Fausey and Evelina Petkova

- Meets Wednesdays at 5pm in front of the Bookstore.
- Elected a new vice chair.
- A drawing will be held at the end of each month for people who attend the Congress meetings. Each meeting a bucket will be passed around and members will put their name on a piece of paper and put it in the bucket. The person's name that is drawn will win a prize.
- There will be a jump table in DUC from 9am-5pm on February 4.

Student Affairs-Katie Dawson and Tim Howard

- Will meet on Thursday in the SGA office.

Information Technology Director

The website has and will be updated.

Special Orders

One new Congress member was sworn in.

Judicial Council report

Drafted new election codes. Students will vote on the new Constitution one week before the candidate elections. Removed seven people from the roll. Will meet next Thursday at 5pm in the SGA office.

University Senate report

President Ransdell talked about the budget. WKU will suffer a \$5.6 million cut. Provost Burch talked about the J-term. A committee will be formed to look at implementing it by 2006-2007.

Unfinished Business

NONE

New Business

NONE

Announcements

We have flyers for the rally. Take some and hang them up.
Come to the retreat.

Troy Ransdell passed out a QEP survey.

John Law gave a TAC report and talked about the new fee that may be added to the housing bill to increase the Internet connection. John Bradley asked Congress what they thought about the idea. Robert Watkins asked how we paid for it now. Law said that there was no fee right now and that the student technology fee pays for taking care of the equipment, not Internet service. Willie Cravens asked if the new fee would affect everyone who lives on campus. John Law said it would because it would be too complicated to figure out who wants it and who doesn't. Watkins asked how much the fee would be. Katie Pettit said it would \$108. Michael Kaelin asked what kind of line would be used. Law said they weren't going to replace the line, just increase the bandwidth. Watkins asked how it was going to be lumped together. Law said that it was just going to be tacked onto the housing payment. Troy Ransdell asked how we knew the fee would be going to that service and suggested there be a line item for it when we pay our fees. Law said that they aren't increasing the housing payment and that with this fee the people in the dorms would get improved service because it is for their use only. Cravens asked if we really needed more bandwidth. Law said with all the downloading and uploading people do that we do. *A straw poll taken and 7 opposed, 11 were for, and 8 abstained.*

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 5:50pm



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